

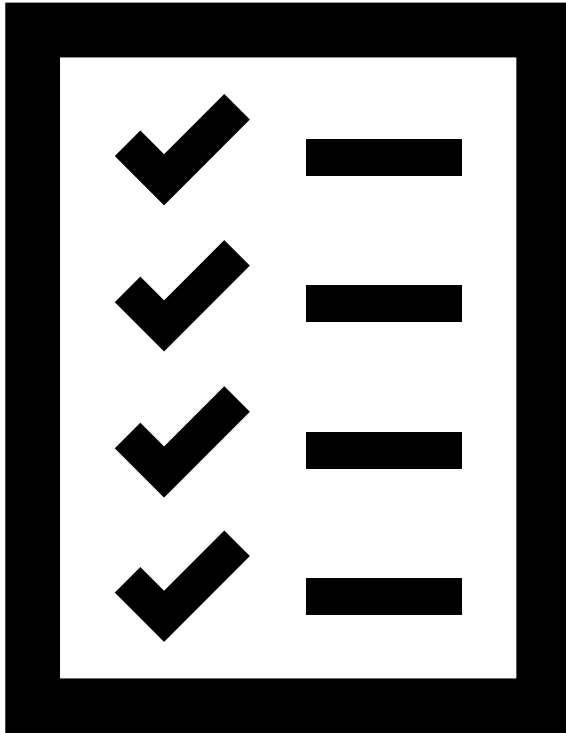


# Alabama's New Community Waiver Program

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An Advocate's Perspective





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# Questions we'll answer today:

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- What are the goals of the new program?
- How will the new waiver benefit consumers?
- What services will be available?
- How do we utilize services most effectively within the cost caps?
- How do we, as advocates, make sure consumers are getting the full benefits of the waiver?

# What are the goals for the new program?



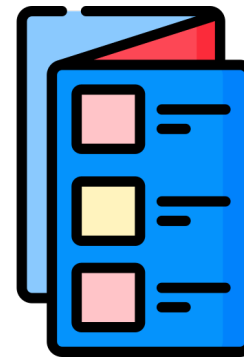
Improve  
community-based  
service delivery



Improve case  
management and  
provider access



Serve people  
before they reach  
a crisis point  
(which is also  
cheaper!)



Focus on services  
outside of  
residential  
habilitation and  
day habilitation

# How does the new waiver benefit consumers?

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Less focus on residential habilitation and day habilitation

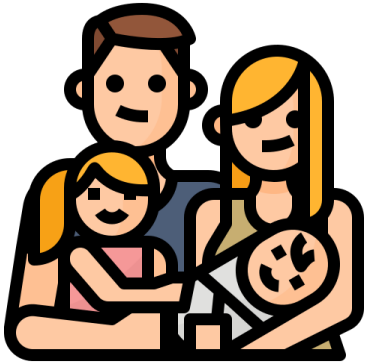
More focus on wholesale community integration

Provision of services in a variety of settings

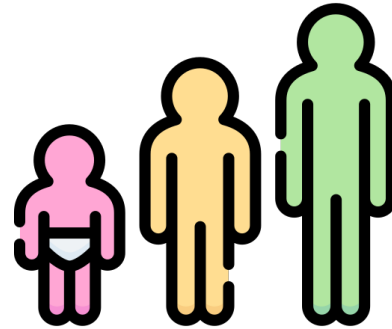
Maintains family structure and consumers' ability to live in their own homes

Implementation of services before crisis situations occur

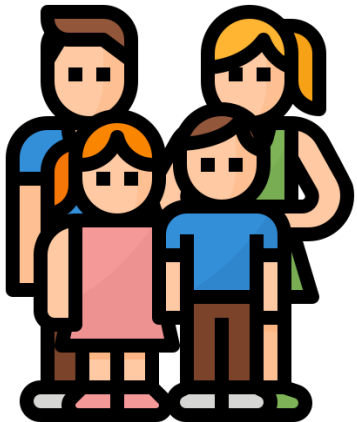
# 1915(c) enrollment groups:



Children with ID, ages 3-13, who are living with family or other natural supports



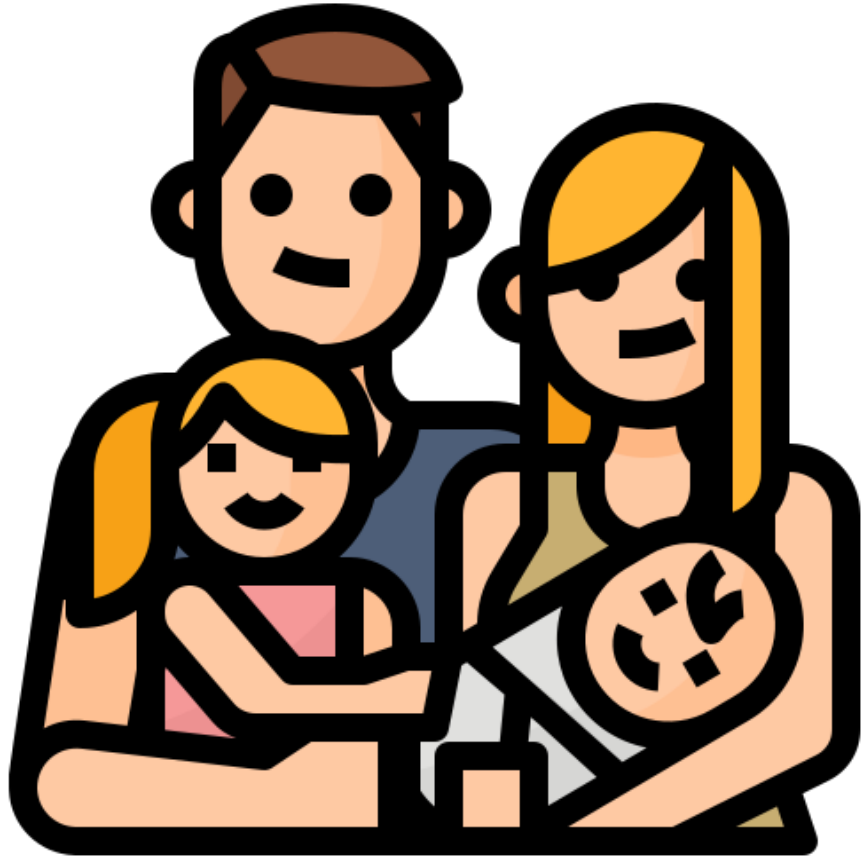
Working-age and older adults with ID, over the age of 22, who are living with family or other natural supports, or who are living independently, or who are able to live in a non-intensive supported living arrangement (i.e., not a group home)



Transition-aged youth with ID, ages 14-21, who are living with family or other natural supports (or living independently if between ages 18-21)



Individuals ages 3 or older with ID who are not able to live with family or other natural supports, not able to live independently, and not able to live in a non-intensive supported living arrangement (i.e., they need the amount of support provided in a group home)

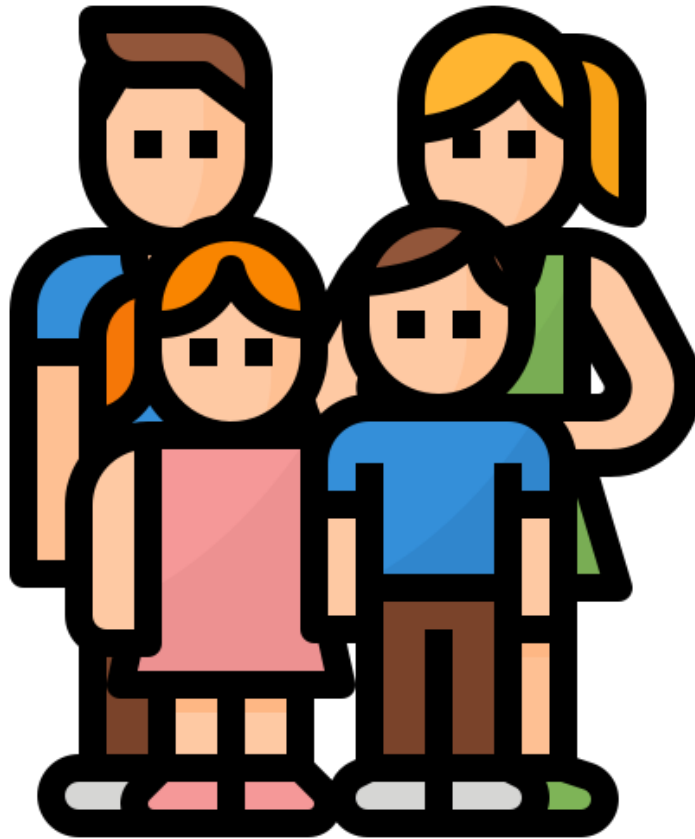


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## Services based on enrollment group: Children with ID, ages 3-13, who are living with family or other natural supports

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- Support Coordination
- Financial Literacy and Work Incentives Counseling
- Community Transportation
- **Independent Living Skills**
- **Personal Assistance in Home**
- **Personal Assistance in the Community**
- Family Empowerment and Systems Navigation Counseling
- Natural Support or Caregiver Education and Training
- **Breaks and Opportunities (Respite)**
- Assistive Technology and Adaptive Aids
- Minor Home Modifications (not included in the cost cap)
- **Individual Directed Goods and Services**
- Positive Behavior Supports

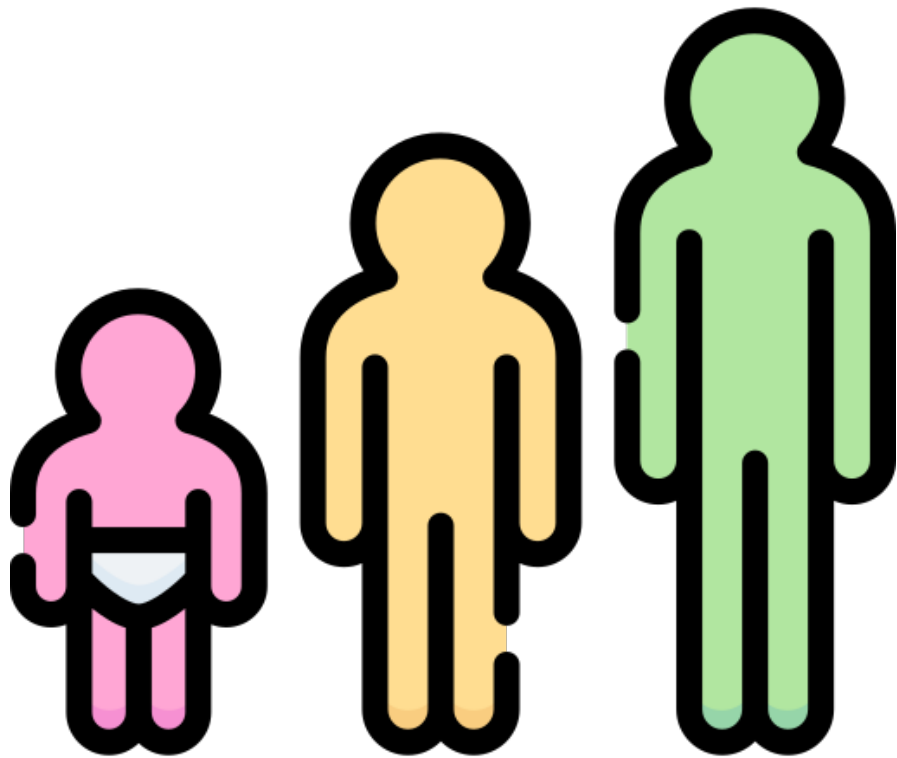


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## Services based on enrollment group: Transition-aged youth with ID, ages 14-21, who are living with family or other natural supports (or living independently if between ages 18-21)

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- Support Coordination
- **Individual Employment Exploration**
- **Individual Employment Discovery**
- **Individual Employment Job Development Plan**
- **Individual Employment Job Development**
- **Individual Employment Job Coaching**
- Individual Employment Co-Worker Supports
- Small Group Supported Employment
- Integrated Employment Path Services
- Financial Literacy and Work Incentives Counseling
- **Community Transportation**
- **Independent Living Skills**
- **Personal Assistance in Home**
- **Personal Assistance in the Community**
- Family Empowerment and Systems Navigation Counseling
- Natural Support or Caregiver Education and Training
- Counseling on Alternatives to Full Guardianship
- **Breaks and Opportunities (Respite)**
- Assistive Technology and Adaptive Aids
- Remote Supports
- Housing Counseling Service
- Housing Start-Up Assistance
- Minor Home Modifications
- **Individual Directed Goods and Services**
- Positive Behavior Supports
- Physical Therapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Speech and Language Therapy
- **Skilled Nursing**



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**Services based on enrollment group: Working-age and older adults with ID, over the age of 22, who are living with family or other natural supports, or who are living independently, or who are able to live in a non-intensive supported living arrangement (i.e., not a group home)**

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- Support Coordination
- **Individual Employment Exploration**
- **Individual Employment Discovery**
- **Individual Employment Job Development Plan**
- **Individual Employment Job Development**
- **Individual Employment Job Coaching**
- Individual Employment Co-Worker Supports
- Individual Employment Career Advancement
- Small Group Supported Employment
- Integrated Employment Path Services
- Financial Literacy and Work Incentives Counseling
- **Community Transportation**
- **Independent Living Skills**
- **Personal Assistance in Home**
- **Community Integration Connections and Skills Training**
- **Personal Assistance in the Community**
- Peer Specialist Services
- Family Empowerment and Systems Navigation Counseling
- Natural Support or Caregiver Education and Training
- Counseling on Alternatives to Full Guardianship
- **Breaks and Opportunities (Respite)**
- Assistive Technology and Adaptive Aids
- Remote Supports
- Housing Counseling Service
- Housing Start-Up Assistance
- Minor Home Modifications
- Supported Living Services
- **Individual Directed Goods and Services**
- Positive Behavior Supports
- Physical Therapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Speech and Language Therapy
- **Skilled Nursing**





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**Services based on enrollment group: Individuals ages 3 or older with ID who are not able to live with family or other natural supports, not able to live independently, and not able to live in a non-intensive supported living arrangement (i.e., they need the amount of support provided in a group home)**

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- Support Coordination
- **Individual Employment Exploration**
- **Individual Employment Discovery**
- **Individual Employment Job Development Plan**
- **Individual Employment Job Development**
- **Individual Employment Job Coaching**
- Individual Employment Co-Worker Supports
- Individual Employment Career Advancement
- Small Group Supported Employment
- Integrated Employment Path Services
- Financial Literacy and Work Incentives Counseling
- **Community Transportation**
- **Community Integration Connections and Skills Training**
- **Personal Assistance in the Community**
- Peer Specialist Services
- Assistive Technology and Adaptive Aids
- Remote Supports
- Adult Family Home
- Supported Living Services
- Community-Based Residential Services
- **Individual Directed Goods and Services**
- Positive Behavior Supports
- Physical Therapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Speech and Language Therapy



## Services available to 1915(i) enrollment group

- Support Coordination
- **Individual Employment Exploration**
- **Individual Employment Discovery**
- **Individual Employment Job Development Plan**
- **Individual Employment Job Development**
- **Individual Employment Job Coaching**
- Individual Employment Co-Worker Supports
- Individual Employment Career
- Advancement
  - Small Group Supported Employment
  - Integrated Employment Path Services
  - Financial Literacy and Work Incentives Counseling
  - **Community Transportation**
  - **Independent Living Skills**
  - **Community Integration Connections and Skills Training**
  - Peer Specialist Services
  - Counseling on
- Alternatives to Full Guardianship
  - Assistive Technology and Adaptive Aids
  - Remote Supports
  - Housing Counseling Service
  - Housing Start-Up Assistance
  - **Individual Directed Goods and Services**
  - Positive Behavior Supports



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## How do we utilize services effectively within the cost caps?

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- Focus on family integration = greater access to natural supports
- Serving individuals before they reach crisis situations = less-intensive services provided at a lower cost
- Creative person-centered planning
- Greater focus on provision of services outside of residential habilitation
- Ability to temporarily exceed limitations on specific services where necessary

**How do we, as advocates, ensure that consumers are getting the full benefit of the new waiver program?**

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